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SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: JOHANNESBURG 0786 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING A FOUR-DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO SOUTH WEST AFRICA, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND LIEUTENANT-GENERAL WILLIAM QUINN (REPORTEDLY A SECURITY ADVISER TO THE U.S. SENATE), SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER RETURNED TO JOHANNESBURG ON MARCH 27. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE SENATOR MET, WHILE IN SWA, DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE TURNHALLE ALLIANCE AND, JUST PRIOR TO HIS ASSASSINATION, CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUN, INTER-ALIA. HE ALSO TOURED A GAME RESERVE.

2. AS REPORTED IN JOHANNESBURG 0786, THE SENATOR SPENT MOST OF MARCH 28 ON THE CAMPUS OF THE RAND AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY WHERE HE WAS THE GUEST OF RECTOR GERRIT VILJOEN, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF THE BROEDERBOND.

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3. CONGEN OFFICER GOLINO WAS PRESENT AT A PUBLIC ADDRESS BY THE SENATOR ON "THE WORLD TODAY" WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS, FACULTY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION OF THE HISTORIC SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA, THE SENATOR DISCUSSED HIS DIFFERENCES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG

REGARDING U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ALLOW SOUTH AFRICA TO SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT MOST AMERICANS AGREED WITH HIM ON THIS POINT. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO SEND THE WHITE HOUSE A COPY OF HIS REMARKS.

4. DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD, ONE OF THE RAU STUDENTS ASKED THE SENATOR WHY HE HAD COME TO SOUTH AFRICA TO DISCUSS HIS DIFFERENCES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG. GOLDWATER REPLIED THAT FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II, THE UNITED STATES FOUND IT WAS A WORLD POWER AND THAT PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIONS WERE JUDGED BY AMERICAN VOTERS ON THE SUCCESS OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICY, AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ISSUES. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION REGARDING THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO, GOLDWATER SAID THAT IF A REPUBLICAN WERE ELECTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO SEE THAT THE EMBARGO WAS RELAXED.

5. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY THE SENATOR IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS INTERVIEWS ON ANGOLA, SWA AND CHIEF KAPUUNO'S ASSASSINATION ARE BEING POUCHED TO AF/S.

6. CONGEN OFFICER GOLINO OFFERED ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE SENATOR FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS AT RAU. GOLDWATER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OFFER AND SAID HE WOULD CALL ON THE CONSULATE GENERAL IF HE NEEDED ANY HELP.

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